member be appointed to safeguard the rights of the backward classes and scheduled castes ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—That is a suggestion and not a question, Sir.

ಶ್ರೀ. ಡಿ. ಟಿ. ನೀತಾರಾಮರಾವ್.—ಒಂದು ಕೋಟಿ ಪ್ರಜಾ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯಿದ್ದಾಗ ಮೂರು ಜನ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿದ್ದರು. ಈಗ ಎರಡುಕೋಟಿ ಜನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯಿರುವಾಗ ಆರು ಜನ ಸದಸ್ಯರನ್ನು ನೇಮಿಸಬೇಕೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ಟಿ. ನೀತಾರಾಮರಾವ್.—ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ಪಂಗಡಗಳಿಗೆ ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಪ್ರಾತಿನಿಧ್ಯ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಯೋಚಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಾ ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Is it not a fact that the Government has given assurances formerly on this very platform that the claims of the Scheduled Castes would be considered when next appointments were made to the Commission ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—Personally speaking, I am not aware of it. I will refer the matter to the Minister who is actually in charge of it.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—In case such an assurance was given formerly, would the Government consider sympathetically even now the claims of Harijans and put them in so that they may be satisfied, they being 18 per cent of the total population ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is a hypothetical question.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—The Hon'ble Minister has replied that he was not aware of it. I know that on the floor of the House, the Government have given such assurances. Therefore it is inevitable that I could only put that question. If he had said that it was not true, I would never have put a phrase " in case ". That is why I ask. Will the Government consider their case sympathetically if they had given an assurance formerly, that their claims would be considered ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That question will arise when there is a vacancy, if they have given an assurance.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Sir, there is no question of a vacancy arising n the Public Service Commission, but the Government may increase its strength. My question is : would the Government consider their claims sympathetically in case Government has given such an assurance formerly ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—That is a wholesome suggestion to be borne in mind if and when the strength of the present Commission is going to be enlarged.

Sri N. RACHIAH.—May I know whether the Government are aware that only two major communities are represented on such a Commission ever since the constitution of the Commission? If so, is there any guarantee for these two communities to dominate all other communities including the Scheduled Castes ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—It is an argument and my Hon'ble friend is free to draw any opinion on the composition and pattern of the Commission formed from time to time.

High level causeway between Bada and Kandagallu.

Q.—787. Sri G. SIVAPPA (Chitaldrug).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a high level causeway has been sanctioned between Bada and Kandagallu in Davangere taluk ;

(*b*) whether the same work has been tendered and whether the lowest tender has been accepted from two people and the work order given to them ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that after the work order was given to the contractors to commence the work, a stay order has been issued by the Chief Engineer ?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Government have issued instructions that construction work may not be proceeded with until a decision is taken about the location.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—In answer to my question (*c*) " whether it is a fact that after the work order was given to the

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contractors to commence the work, a stay order has been issued by the Chief Engineer," the reply of the Government is " Government have issued instructions that construction work may not be proceeded with until a decision is taken about the location." Is it not a fact that these instructions will amount to a stay order ?

*Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—A stay order had been issued.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—May I know whether an estimate has been made and sanction given to it for this very site ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—The facts of the case are these. When the site was selected and sanction given to the project administratively and technically and work order issued to the lowest tenderer, there were numerous complaints made about the selection of the site not only to the State Government but to various Ministers of the Central Government including the President of the Congress, the President of the State Congress, the Prime Minister and the President of India, the Vice-Chairman of the Lok Sabha and so many other high dignitaries. All of them referred the matter to the State Government for investigation. In view of these loud complaints, Government thought it fit to re-investigate the matter and till the report of such re-investigation was received, it was thought proper to issue a stay order. Then the Chief Engineer was directed to re-investigate the matter. After replies to these questions were printed, Government have received the report of the Chief Engineer and the original site selected has been approved as correct and Government have vacated the stay order and arrangements have been made to issue a work order asking the contractor to proceed with the work.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—May I know whether it is not a fact that the Government had issued a stay order on the application of a contractor other than the one whose tender had been accepted ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—It is not a fact. I have already explained the situation. Loud complaints were received from various dignitaries. On a consideration of that, a stay order was issued and not on account of the complaint of another contractor.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the stay order has amounted to a change of contractors and not the change of the site ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—I have just now explained that the original contractor to whom the work order had been issued is asked to continue the work after satisfying that the first selection of the site was correct.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕುಂದೂರು ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ.—ಬಾಡ ಮತ್ತು ಕಂದಗಲ್ಲು ಇವುಗಳ ನಡುವೆ ಹೈ ಲೆವಲ್ ಕಾಸ್‌ವೇ ಕಟ್ಟಿ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸಲಹೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಹಳ್ಳಕ್ಕೆ ಶ್ಯಾವಿಗೆ ಹಳ್ಳವೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರಲ್ಲವೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಕೆ. ವೀರಣ್ಣಗೌಡ.—ಅದೇ ಹೆಸರಿರ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕುಂದೂರು ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ.—ಆ ರಸ್ತೆಗೆ 70 ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಸಾಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆಯೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಕೆ. ವೀರಣ್ಣಗೌಡ.—ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಉದ್ಭವವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕುಂದೂರು ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ.—ಚನ್ನಗಿರಿ-ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಮಾರ್ಗವಾಗಿ ಹೋಗುವ ಈ ರಸ್ತೆಯ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಜಾಗ್ರತೆ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಜಾಗ್ರತೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಆರ್ಡರು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇವೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕುಂದೂರು ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ.—ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಎಲ್ಲಿ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಲು ನಿಧಾನ ಮಾಡದೆ ಜಾಗ್ರತೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಈಗ ವರ್ಕ್ ಆರ್ಡರ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕುಂದೂರು ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ವರ್ಷ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ತಕ್ಷಣ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—May I know the cost of the estimate ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—The estimate is for Rs. 24,500.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—This being a small work, is it not a fact that these things are done under the influence of the local M.L.C. of that place and the stay order has been issued by the Government ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The stay order has been vacated.

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—I have explained that the stay order was issued for a particular reason and not on account of the influence or intervention of any person.

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Sri G. SIVAPPA.—Is there any instance in the P. W. D. of this nature on a previous occasion ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Is the Hon'ble Member interested in the Work Order or Project ?

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—The Work Order has been given nine months ago and the contractor has deposited the amount and given mutchalika. . . .

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member may put that question.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಟಿ. ಜಂಬಣ್ಣ.—ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರ್ಟಿಗಳಿರುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಮುಗಿದು ಹೋಗಿ ವರ್ಕ್ ಆರ್ಡರು ಕೊಟ್ಟಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ಕೂಡ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈಗೇಕೆ ಪುನಃ ಅಂತಹ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೇಳಬೇಕು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಟಿ. ಜಂಬಣ್ಣ.—ವರ್ಕ್ ಆರ್ಡರ್ ಬಂದ ನಂತರ ಎಷ್ಟೋ ಕಂಪ್ಲೇಂಟುಗಳು ಬಂದಿದ್ದರೂ ಕೂಡ ಇಷ್ಟು ಸುಲಭವಾಗಿ ಈ ಸ್ಟೇ ಆರ್ಡರನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರ ವಾಪಸು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುವುದು ಯುಕ್ತವಾಗಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಕೆ. ವೀರಣ್ಣಗೌಡ.—ಯುಕ್ತವಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿದೇ ಈಗ ಪುನಃ ಆರ್ಡರನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿದೆ.

Grant of loans to ryots for Agricultural Allied Industries.

Q.—862 G. Sri ANNA RAO, on behalf of [SRI T. TARE GOWDA (Sira)].—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies suggested to Government to instruct the Director of Rural Industrialisation Scheme to stop granting loans to the ryots for agricultural allied industries such as curing cigarette tobacco industries and for irrigation pump sets, etc ;

(*b*) whether the Co-operative bank instructed R.I.C.S. not to entertain loan applications from the ryots for the said industries ;

(*c*) whether they would consider to extend this facility of getting loans for such agricultural allied industries in rural parts at least for two years more until District Co-operative Banks are fully developed ?

A.—Sri C. M. POONACHA (Minister for Home Affairs and Industries) on behalf of [SRI S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister)].—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Necessary action has been taken in the matter to finance through Agricultural Credit Societies.

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—May I know the number of applications which are pending since the inauguration of the new scheme ?

*Sri C. M. POONACHA.—I should like to have notice.

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—May I know whether different patterns have been followed now and new type of co-operative societies are being started ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—Yes, as per the Rural Agriculture Credit Scheme, the co-operative departments are being reorganised and so far as the areas of the old Mysore are concerned, there are Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies as well as Agricultural Primary Co-operative societies. They are now being reorganised.

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—May I know whether the Visvesvaraya Scheme has been scrapped and no action is being taken on that ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—So far as it relates to Co-operative Societies, it is not so.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—May I know whether it is the policy of the Government not to issue loans from the Rural Industrialisation Banks to I.P. sets ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—It is not so. They are still disbursing loans for the purchase of irrigation pump sets through the Co-operative Societies.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Here there are two institutions mentioned. One is the District Co-operative Banks and the other is the Rural Industrialisation Scheme. I want to know whether they are still continuing to issue loans to irrigation pump sets through the Rural Industrialisation Scheme.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is an answer to (*c*).

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—It is the Agricultural Credit Societies that they have suggested. That means to say